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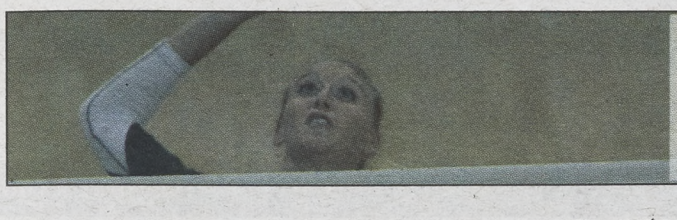

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Pell Grants make a smaller dent in tuition costs at CSULB

Funding for the grant has increased has grown but not as quickly as student debt.

By Danielle Carson and Tim Dickerson
Staff Writers

In these tough economic times, even the Pell Grant can't keep up with rising tuition.

The grant no longer covers the same percentage of costs as it once did for Cal State Long Beach students due to rising tuition.

The Pell Grant, an award given to students who have not received a bachelor's degree or professional degree, covered 84.5 percent of tuition and fees for an in-state student at CSULB in 2010-11.

The next year, the average Pell Grant covered only 65.6 percent of the same costs.

CSULB President F. King Alexander met with President Obama in December to discuss cost-effectively produce more college graduates.

"This is a concern that Obama expressed when we were in a meeting with him," Alexander said. "There is no way that we can keep putting money into the Pell Grant."

If more funds are put into the Pell Grant, less money will go towards

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Cal State Long Beach Pell Grants

	Pell Grant Recipients	PG Dollars Given to CSULB	Average amount per student	Tuition
2010-11	13,581	$55,228,055	$4,066	$4,915
2011-12	14,573	$59,680,302	$4,095	$6,240

Statistics provided by Mary Stephens and the CSU

Shilah Montiel | Daily 49er

Feelin' healthy

Boarding For Breast Cancer cruises their way to Long Beach. Students went to the Southwest Terrace of the USU to learn how to check their own breast for cancerous lumps by feeling fake breast samples that had a variety of lumps, both normal and dangerous.

Students film flicks for festival

Participants will be provided with free equipment after signing up.

By Floyd Linzie
Staff Writer

Cal State Long Beach moviemakers have the chance to see their films on the big screen but only for five minutes.

Campus Movie Fest, which has traveled to over 75 other universities, gives students the opportunity to produce a five-minute film in one week, providing those students with free equipment to use, according to CMF promotions manager Logan Williams.

"We always get very impressive films from CSULB and cannot wait to see what the student film makers have to show us this year," Williams said.

According to the CSULB CMF website, the contest will provide students with Panasonic HD recorders, Apple laptops, moviemaking software, tech support and free training.

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Brown signs bill allowing Californians to register to vote on Election Day

The new law is expected to be fully implemented in 2015.

By Donn Gruta and Rabiya Hussain
Staff Writers

A few years from now, California citizens will have one less excuse for not voting.

In an effort to drive more Californians to the voting polls, Gov. Jerry Brown signed a bill late last month that will allow people to register to vote on Election Day.

Demetra Kasimis, an assistant political science professor at Cal State Long Beach, said this new bill is a step in the right direction.

"Any measure that seeks to make citizenship more inclusive is a positive step," Kasimis said. "It's nice to see that it's happening in California."

Assemblyman Mike Feuer (D-Los Angeles) wrote Assembly Bill 1436 out of concern, after only 44 percent of eligible voters cast a vote in the November 2010 general elections.

In the bill, Feuer cited the current 15-day gap between the registration deadline and Election Day as a hindrance to voter participation.

"This should lead to greater voter participation rates, which will provide election results that more fully reflect the will of the people," Feuer said.

The bill will become law at the beginning of 2013, but voters will have to wait a few years to take advantage of Election Day voter registration.

Before the law can take effect, the Secretary of State has to finalize the VoteCal voter registration database, a single system for storing and managing the list of registered voters in the state. VoteCal is not expected to be up and running until 2015, according to the Secretary of State's website.

With this new bill, California will join 10 other states, including Idaho, Rhode Island and Minnesota, in offering some form of Election Day voter registration.

Eric Sanchez, a sophomore psychology major, said he believes the new law will be convenient for those who want to vote but have tight schedules.

"If people are still allowed to register up to the day of elections, it would definitely increase the number of [participants]," Sanchez said. "I don't think

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Students signed up for the Campus Movie Fest will be provided with equipment to make five-minute movies.

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Students have one week to produce and edit their five-minute films, which will then be viewed by a panel of CSULB students, staff and faculty starting Oct. 22.

"It's a great opportunity for all students, whether they are looking for exposure in the film industry, or just a fun campus activity," Williams said.

Mia Wetmore, a junior journalism major, said the festival could be a great way to take her hobby and possibly make it into a career.

"I'm going for the gold; who wouldn't?" she said. "I'm very competitive … I found myself looking at their past videos from even six years ago, wanting to know who past winners were and why they got picked."

Students will be awarded in categories of best picture, best comedy, best drama and recognition under the CMF Elfenworks Social Justice Category. Prizes include cash, a 12-month membership to Adobe Creative Cloud and Hollywood pitch meetings, according to Williams.

CMF also added a new category this fall called the Norton Crime Drama category after partnering with online security company Norton and the creator and executive producer of the "CSI" television series, Anthony E. Zuiker. The new category gives students a chance to tell stories from the world of crime and justice for a $10,000 cash prize.

An open red carpet finale will be hosted for the contest in the University Student Union Beach Auditorium at 7 p.m. on Oct. 25. The top 16 films will get the chance to advance to CMF Hollywood in June 2013.

Applications to participate in the event are due Tuesday. Students can sign up at **www.campusmoviefest.com**.

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educational institutions, according to Alexander. Likewise, the value of the grant would be negated if states were to cut their budgets.

"The battle is to sustain the Pell Grant," Alexander said. "We've lost 34 percent in the past two years of our state appropriations. This is without a doubt the No. 1 significant factor in rising tuition and fees."

While the percentage of costs that the Pell Grant covers has decreased over the years, total Pell Grant funds for CSULB has increased by 8.1 percent from 2010 to 2012. In the same time frame, CSULB tuition increased by 30.1 percent.

"The number of Pell Grant recipients and dollars received by CSULB students has increased pretty steadily over the past few years," Nicolas Valdivia, CSULB director of financial aid, said via email.

Freshman communications major Julia Ip said the Pell Grant really helps with her tuition.

"I would hope it would cover more, [but the state's] ability to keep it is good," Ip said.

Dominique Noble, a sophomore political science major, said that regardless of the amount he has received from the Pell Grant, it still has helped.

"I don't complain about it," Noble said. "In this economic recession, I am grateful that I am able to receive it, considering the fact that there are some [students] that are more well-rounded and are not receiving it."

He says that regardless of how much the grant covers and how much comes from his pocket, he wants the degree he is receiving to be worth the effort, not the money.

"At this point, I feel we need to pay more for less," Noble said. "I would rather get less grant money if I had the assurance that when I get done in four years, I would have a job."

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there will be a significant increase, but [citizens who simply missed a deadline] would actually be able to take advantage of their opportunity to vote."

Raymoan Ford, a junior communications studies major, said he thinks the extended deadline will serve as an incentive for some citizens to make a last minute trip to the voting booths.

"Now they can't make the excuse that they were unable to register," Ford said.

Maria Rodriguez, a freshman psychology major, said while she sees the benefit of same-day voter registration, it could also give way to ill-informed voters.

"Voters who wait to the last minute, most likely, will not be well prepared because they may not be informed about what they are voting on," Rodriguez said.

Many Republican lawmakers who are opposed to the bill argued that same-day voter registration could encourage incidences of voter fraud.

"Along with the new motor-voter process of registration, same-day registration and the new online registration system, our elections are becoming less and less secure," Assemblyman Tim Donnelly (R-San Bernardino) said.

However, Kasimis said she disagrees.

"I'm not sure [this] can make voting less secure," Kasimis said. "Voter fraud is not even a huge issue in this country anyway. I think making the process easier for people rather than debilitative and exclusive is a positive thing."

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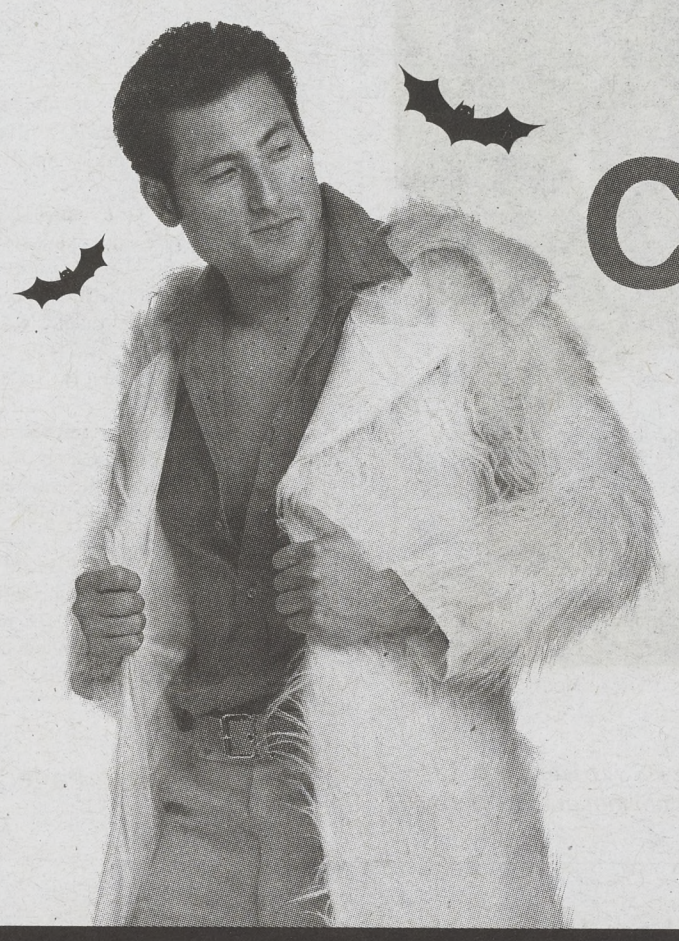

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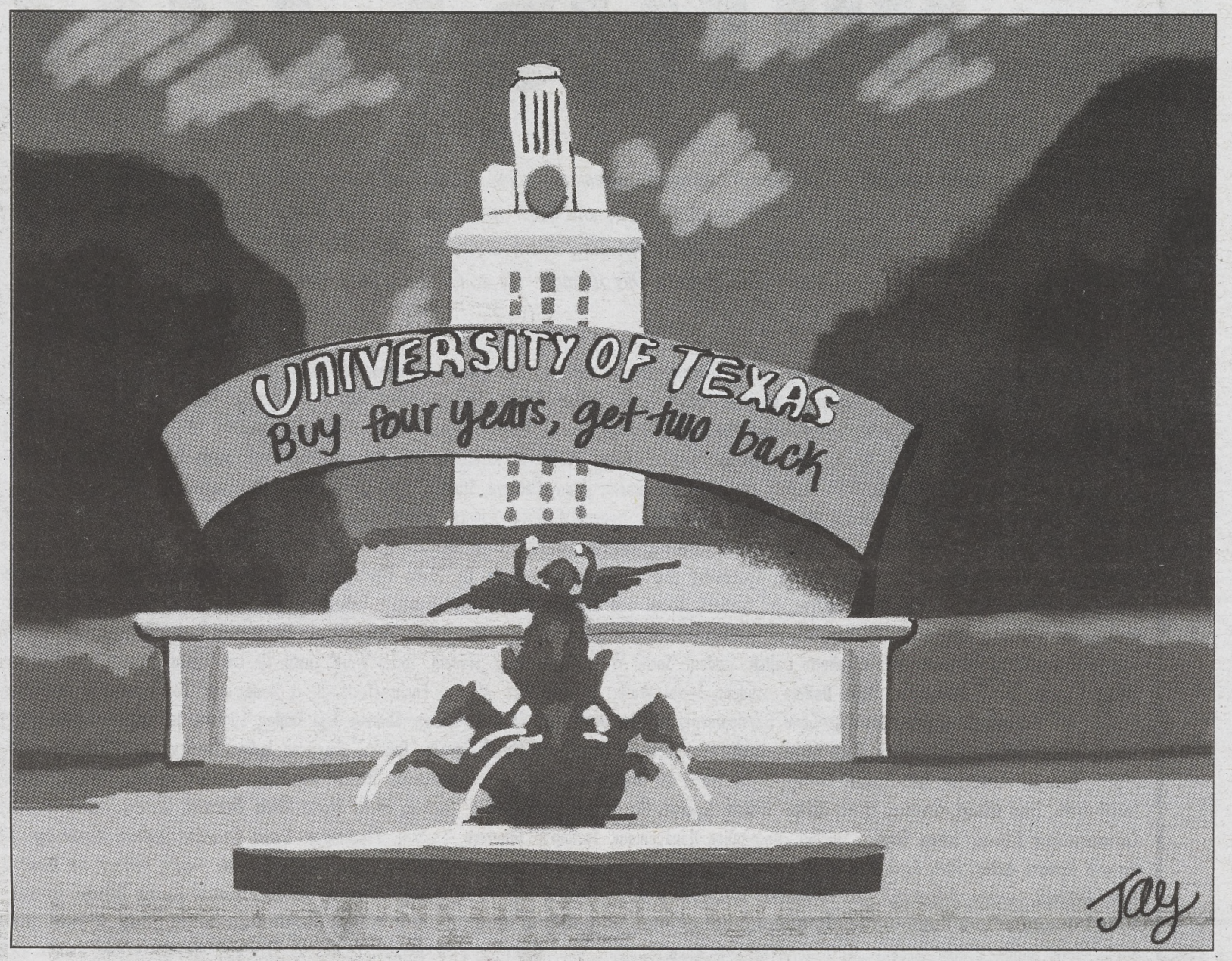

OUR VIEW

To live in a world where people would forgive you for your college debt seems like a fantasy for students.

Many of us are just swimming in debt, and while the thought of graduating sounds like a relief, we know it really is not. Just six months after receiving our diploma the reality of paying off our student loans finally sets in.

However, the University of Texas at Austin has an idea. The UT Austin wants to try out a program that offers students an incentive to graduate school on time.

This incentive involves relieving students of part of their student loan debt.

Alright, now we are listening loud and clear.

UT Austin will enact as a pilot program next year which will offer a random selection of incoming freshman a chance to forgive some of their student loan debt if they graduate on time.

Like most other schools across the nation, the UT Austin is struggling to get students out in four years, so it wants to provide an incentive program that encourages students to work harder.

The incentive program addresses a growing problem throughout the nation — that graduates cannot pay off their student loan debt because of their lack of jobs.

One half of the 200 freshmen selected for the program will be offered $1,000 in loan relief plus interest if they pass 15 units of courses each semester.

The other half will be forgiven $2,000 plus interest if they pass 30 units through the whole academic year.

If this pilot program works, then the UT Austin plans on expanding it to apply to all of its students.

Well, students of the UT Austin pilot program: we, at Cal State Long Beach, hope you do not mess this up.

In fact, we are sure students across the nation are pulling for this program to be a success.

At CSULB, we suffer under similar circumstances.

Many of us are taking more than four years to graduate, and as our tuition keeps growing so do our student loans.

We would love to see an incentive program that could offer us some extra help. It would be encouragement for us to work harder to graduate on time.

However, if this student loan forgiveness program does work, students here in California should not hold their breath.

We need to take a step back and look at the big picture and realize that the odds of CSULB implementing an incentive program is slim.

The reason why our tuition is increasing because money is tight.

We are getting charged just enough to keep our education at the level it is now.

To offer a program that forgives student loan debt does not fit into our current situation.

But, it should be something California higher education should keep in its back pocket later down the road. It is an incentive future students would appreciate.

Damn, scientists have proven dinosaur cloning can never exist

CHASEN DOERR

Well science, you have really done it this time.

You've crushed the childhood dreams of many who wished to visit an island theme park filled with dinosaurs in the future.

Two scientists, Morten Allentoft and Michael Bunce, have scientifically proven that DNA has a half-life of 521 years.

This means that in 521 years, half of a DNA strain's bonds will have been broken. After another 521 years, the rest of the bonds will be destroyed as well.

The studies were conducted on the leg bones of three different species of moa, which are giant extinct birds. Their bones were preserved by very cold weather. The bones ranged from being 600 to 8,000 years old.

So, after all these years of believing Michael Crichton and Steven Spielberg were geniuses, Allentoft and Bunce have proven that there is no way that DNA can last more than 1,000 years.

That is quite a few million years less than 65 million years.

Thus, there is no hope of finding a mosquito preserved in amber that holds the blood of a triceratops that could be used to clone the dinosaur.

Yes, I understand the idea of "Jurassic Park" was always a little far-fetched, but to be honest, it was always somewhat plausible.

We were able to clone Dolly the sheep. Why not a dinosaur? That is, if we could find some usable DNA, of course.

There was always a thought in the back of my mind that maybe someday a live tyrannosaurus rex may be set free to terrorize the city of San Diego.

But now, all those dreams are gone because of Allentoft and Bunce. Thanks a lot, jerks.

Even through my frustration, I can't really blame Allentoft and Bunce. They were just doing their jobs. It just eliminates my chance of ever walking with dinosaurs.

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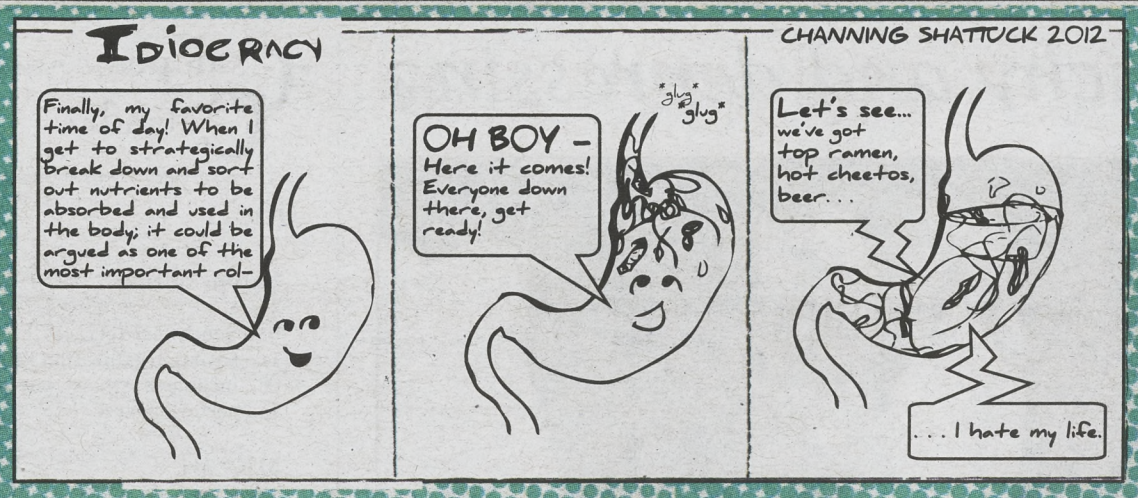
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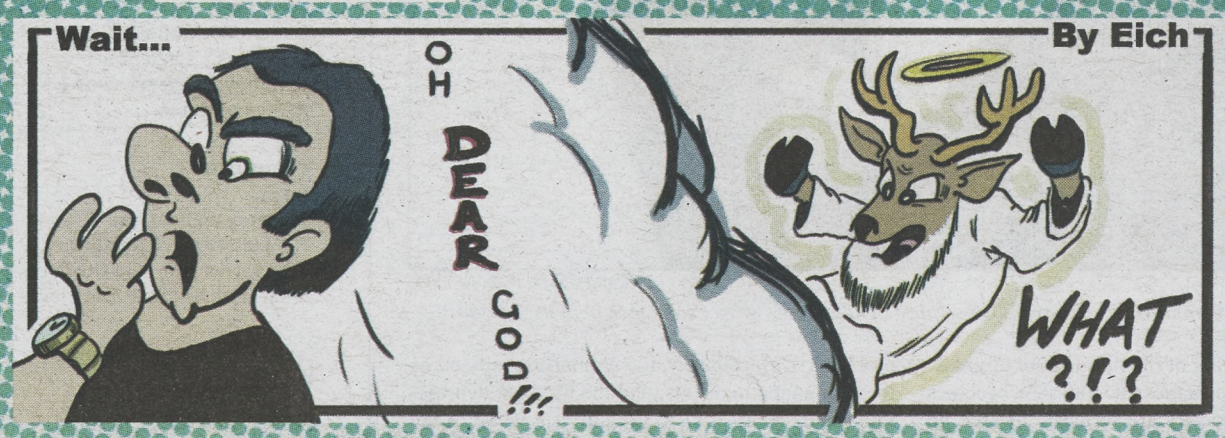

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'Bachelorette' is raunchy and depressing

The film tries to be the next 'Bridesmaids' but fails.

By Matt Grippi
Diversions Editor

Courtesy of Radius-TWC

Isla Fisher, Lizzy Caplan and Kirsten Dunst play bridesmaids who cause mayhem at a wedding.

When "Bridesmaids" was released in 2011, people compared it to an all-female version of "The Hangover." Now, a year later, another wedding-based comedy featuring a female cast has been released, and it is more similar to "The Hangover" than "Bridesmaids" ever was.

The film is "Bachelorette," written and directed by Leslye Headland, based on her play of the same name and produced by Will Ferrell and Adam McKay of "Funny or Die."

The movie stars Kirsten Dunst as Regan, an obsessive maid of honor for the wedding of her overweight friend Becky (Rebel Wilson). Becky and Regan are joined by their high school friends Gena (Lizzy Caplan) and Katie (Isla Fisher), two immature losers who see the wedding as an excuse for drinking, drugs and meaningless sex.

Much like those in "The Hangover," these characters are awful people, and their antics cause nothing but problems for themselves and especially the bride-to-be. The main conflict involves the wedding dress, which gets destroyed by the bridesmaids in a cocaine-addled frenzy.

The male characters in the film are equally screwed up. Adam Scott ("Stepbrothers") plays Clyde, Gena's ex-boyfriend and a love interest she never really got over. The other groomsmen are Joe (Kyle Bornheimer), who has been obsessed with Katie for years, and Trevor (James Marsden), who is a womanizing jerk. The bridesmaids enlist their help to get the dress fixed before the wedding in the morning.

While the beginning of the film is a lot of gross-out humor and R-rated antics, the film soon becomes fairly sad. The characters are seriously messed up in the head, and the film starts to focus on their problems. Unfortunately, the film never really earns these dramatic moments, and the constant depressing scenes really start to drag after a while. Also, the storyline involving Gena and Clyde getting back together is not properly resolved and does not really work.

Bachelorette

Did we dig it?

2 out of 5 shovels

The cast is great, and this film is definitely a step in the right direction when it comes to R-rated comedies with a mostly female cast. However, it is unfortunate that, once again, a raunchy comedy starring women is focused around a wedding.

Not every comedy starring women has to be about getting married or wanting a perfect wedding. At least this proves that there is room for female comedians in a film that is not a romantic comedy.

'Bachelorette' is available now on demand from most cable providers.

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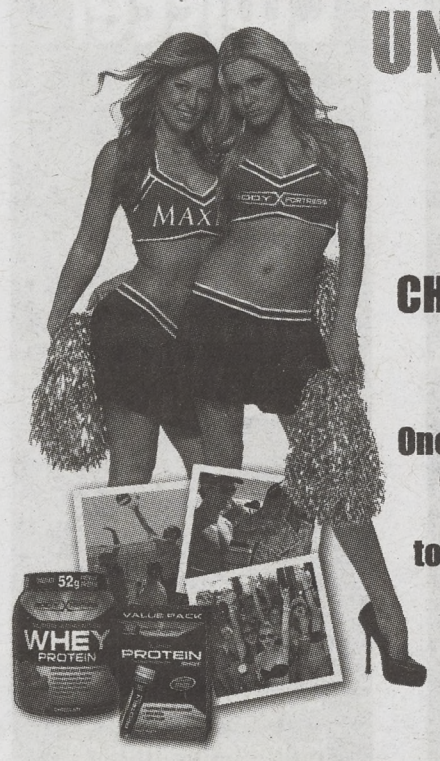

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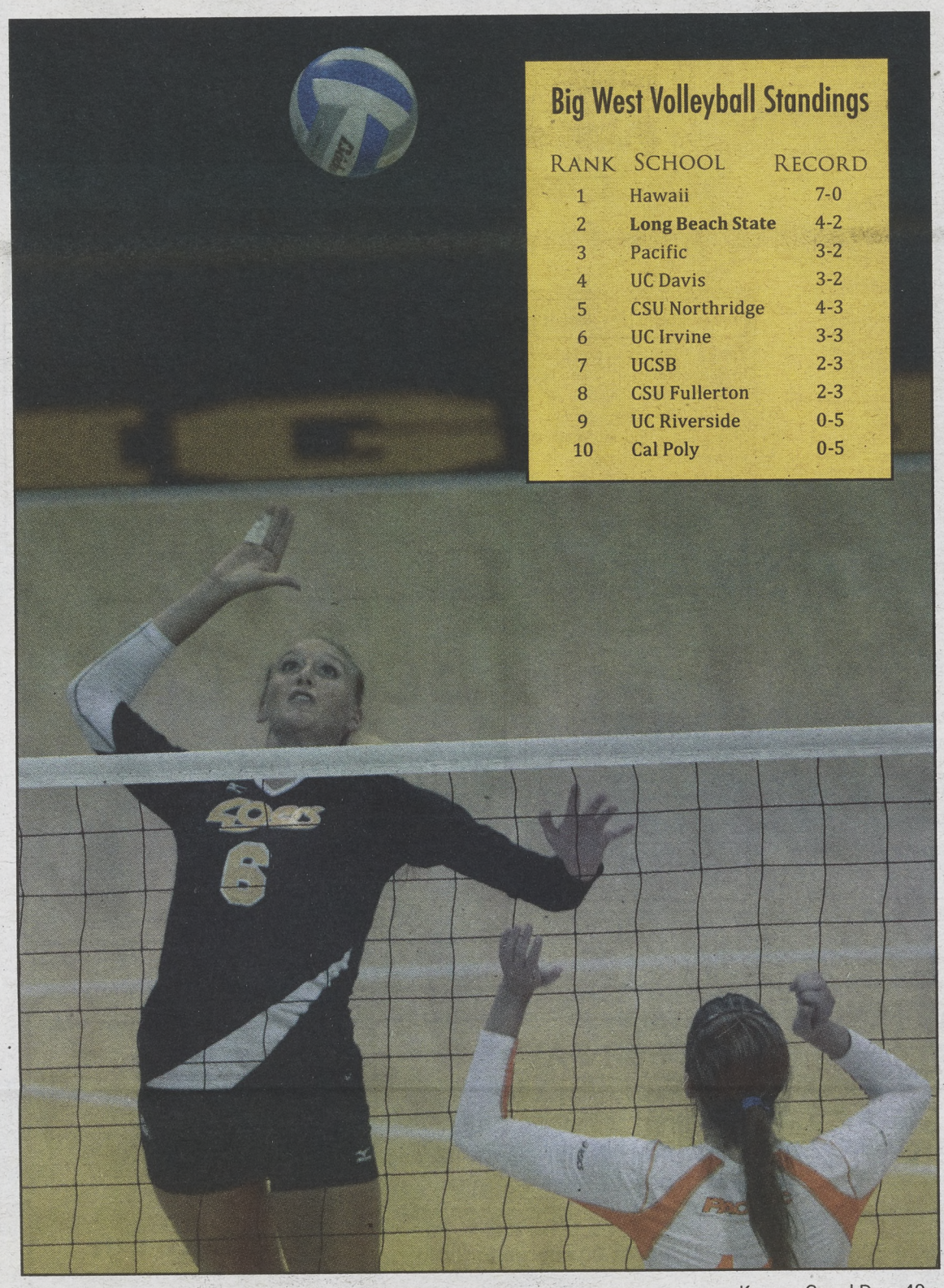

Big West Volleyball Standings

Rank	School	Record
1	Hawaii	7-0
2	**Long Beach State**	4-2
3	Pacific	3-2
4	UC Davis	3-2
5	CSU Northridge	4-3
6	UC Irvine	3-3
7	UCSB	2-3
8	CSU Fullerton	2-3
9	UC Riverside	0-5
10	Cal Poly	0-5

Kyusung Gong | Daily 49er

Long Beach State is second in the Big West standings despite battling injuries throughout the year.

Riverside and rivals on weekend schedule for LBSU women's volleyball

The 'Niners will face UC Riverside and Cal State Fullerton on the road this week.

By Daniel Van Hoosier
Staff Writer

After winning two games at home over the weekend, the Long Beach State women's volleyball team will try to win another two this weekend on the road.

Thanks to wins over Pacific (15-3, 3-2 Big West Conference) and UC Davis (9-9, 3-2 Big West), LBSU jumped 13 spots in the Ratings Percentage Index (RPI) from 67 to 54. It also climbed to second in the Big West standings.

Next up for The Beach (9-8, 4-2 Big West) are matches with UC Riverside (5-13, 0-5 Big West) on Thursday and Cal State Fullerton (8-10, 2-3 Big West) on Saturday.

Although the Highlanders have yet to win a match during conference play, they have proven to be competitive at home. The Beach must work to avoid earning the same result as last year.

Last season, one of the 49ers' two conference losses came at Riverside, where they lost to the Highlanders in five sets.

Senior outside hitter Amanda Vialpando anchors the Riverside attack, as she has accumulated 211 kills and 157 digs on .258 hitting this season.

Freshman setter Emily Borges guides the Highlanders with a Big West-leading 10.6 assists per set. Her 660 total assists are good for second in the conference.

When the 'Niners travel to Fullerton on Saturday, they will look to stop senior outside hitter Kayla Neto, who is second in the Big West in both total kills (272) and kills per set (3.94).

What's on the line here for LBSU is a 58-match winning streak against the Titans that dates back more than three decades.

LBSU head coach Brian Gimmillaro credited his team for continuing to improve during a stretch where it has dealt with multiple injuries.

"We're getting better," Gimmillaro said. "We're working on so many small things right now. The style and level of play is getting better but being able to score is difficult, and we're just going to have to fight through these matches."

Libby Fontanilla has found herself starting at libero for The Beach with the adjusted lineup. The senior has collected 35 digs in two matches, including a career-high 20 in the Friday night win over Davis.

"Libby is a good player and a very good athlete," Gimmillaro said. "So I'm glad she's out there. I'm confident with her. It works; it's a good thing right now."

Both games are set for 7 p.m.

Long Beach State Upcoming Games

Oct. 11	@ UC Riverside	*All games begin at 7 p.m.
Oct. 13	@ Cal State Fullerton	
Oct. 20	@ UC Irvine	
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Oct. 27	Cal State Northridge	

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